

to deal with times of adversity with a certain calmness and deepening hope.

For You are our saving Lord now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. HAYWORTH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HAYWORTH led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

TWO QUESTIONS FOR DAN RATHER

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, earlier this morning, I came to this well reflecting on the difference between holding public office and being engaged in public service. Public office is not a prerequisite for public service. Neither, Mr. Speaker, is public office a prerequisite for holding the public trust.

It is in that spirit that I again come to the well to cite apparently falsified documents utilized by CBS News in portraying the service record in the Texas Air National Guard of our Commander in Chief.

Mr. Speaker, two questions need to be answered: What did Dan Rather know, and when did he know it?

Understand, we believe in the first amendment; Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of the press. All we ask, Mr. Speaker, is that Dan Rather answer those two questions.

SUPPORT NEW TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

(Ms. WATSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, America's roads are coming to a standstill because of ever-increasing congestion. The latest research shows that the average American wastes almost 2 full days a year in traffic. Measured in dollars, the cost of congestion is now \$63 billion per year. My own hometown of Los Angeles is again ranked as the most congested city in America, with congestion delays and costs twice the national average.

With this congestion causing such a drag on our economy, the American

public might expect their Congress to be rushing to resolve such a problem. But we are now almost 2 years past the deadline for passing a new transportation bill, and the administration is still blocking Congress from passing new transportation funding. The issue is, as always, money. The President, after having racked up the largest deficits in American history, is fighting to block this needed investment in roads and transit.

Mr. Speaker, my constituents are as fed up with government gridlock as they are with freeway gridlock. America needs transportation relief now.

TERROR ATTACKS ON AUSTRALIA WILL NOT DETER WAR ON TERROR

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week, al Qaeda-linked terrorists savagely attacked the Australian embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia. The blast killed nine and wounded more than 180 innocent people, most of whom were Muslims. Australian Prime Minister John Howard properly responded by saying, "This is not a nation that is going to be intimidated by acts of terrorism. We are a robust, strong democracy."

Indeed, he is exactly correct. Free nations must never be intimidated by hate-filled extremists which will only lead them to commit more murderous acts. The only proper response to terror is to aggressively go on the offense as President Bush and coalition partners have done for the past 3 years. Instead of waiting for another attack, we need to bring justice to the terrorists wherever they are and hold terror-supporting regimes accountable.

Australia, Spain, Russia, Israel, America and many others have been attacked in a war started by radicals against the civilized world. Yet this campaign of fear will fail as nations who value freedom will continue to fight together to win the war on terror.

In conclusion, may God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

IN SUPPORT OF DRUG REIMPORTATION

(Mr. EMANUEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, today, in The Washington Post, there was a story about a senior executive from Pfizer who announced that reimportation of pharmaceutical drugs was safe and could be worked out. Peter Rost, vice president of marketing for the pharmaceutical company Pfizer, publicly announced his support for drug reimportation.

In addressing the issue of safety, which the pharmaceutical companies

continue to raise as their main concern with reimportation, I want to quote this executive from Pfizer, "This has been proven safe in Europe. The real concern about safety is about people who do not take drugs because they cannot afford it. The safety issue is a made-up story." This, from an executive in Pfizer Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, today seniors are traveling to Canada and buying their medications there where they save up to 40 to 50 percent. Kaiser Foundation found that 29 percent of seniors had not filled prescriptions because they could not afford them.

The issue of safety is a hoax, and when somebody tells you it is not about money, folks, it is about money. It is time we do right by the American seniors and taxpayers.

CONGRATULATING THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GARLAND

(Mr. HENSARLING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to welcome Dr. Greg Ammons to Garland, Texas, as the new pastor of the First Baptist Church.

The First Baptist Church of Garland was founded in 1868. They currently have over 3,500 active members and offer countless mission and service opportunities for their members to help serve the community.

The First Baptist mission statement reads, "To know Jesus and make him known." I can tell you that, through their faith and through their dedication to service, they are living up to that statement and doing the Lord's work in the Garland area.

Today, I would like to offer my heartfelt welcome and prayers to Dr. Ammons, his family and his entire congregation at the First Baptist Church. I know firsthand that the members are very excited to have Dr. Ammons, Lisa and young Camden join their congregation.

May God continue to bless Dr. Ammons, the First Baptist Church of Garland, and may He continue to bless the United States of America.

THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET RECORD

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, there is a certain humor in the Bush attacks on Senator KERRY's budget plans. The Bush administration, after all, has the most reckless fiscal management in our Nation's history. It has produced the largest deficit, after turning the largest budget surplus that they inherited into a sea of red ink.

His prescription drug Medicare program hid the true cost even from Republicans in Congress. His proposal to